

## MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2001  
Member Present: B. Davis, D. Palladino, J. Caron, D. Gilman, J. Partridge, P. Plumer, G. Miller (9:00 – 1000), S. Shapleigh, L. Delano, B. Zito, P. Marcolini (Chairman)(9:00 – 10:00)  
Absent: C. Boehm, P. Conley, B. Demchak, K. Pomelow, L. Worden  
Timekeeper: S. Shapleigh  
Scribe: D. Corning  
Meeting Opened at: 9:02 am

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN	FUTURE ACTION
1. Introductions	1. No introductions necessary	1. No action items necessary.
2. Additions to Agenda	2. No additions to agenda	2. No action items necessary.
3. Ratification of Minutes	3. Motion: To accept the January minutes as presented. (Palladino\Shapleigh) Passed	3. No action items necessary.
4. Staff Report	4. Legislative Update: (as of 3/13/01) LD 67: EMT License Plate – Tabled LD 65: Elevators in Public Buildings Large Enough for Stretchers – Out of committee Ought To Pass-Amended. Will only apply to new construction or new additions to buildings, will not apply to municipal buildings. LD 84: Red Lights & Sirens on Personal Vehicles – MEMS opposes. LD 92: Washington County EMS – Passed and signed by Governor. LD 283: 1 <sup>st</sup> Responders to Carry Epi. – MEMS will not be participating in this discussion due to the fiscal note. LD 677: Extend the AVOC Pilot Project for 1 year – MEMS supports. LD 710: Town Property Tax Breaks Allowed for Volunteer Firefighters & EMS Providers – MEMS taking no action. LD 873: Mandates CPR in High School – Will probably die in Education. LD 936: Create a State Fire & EMS Academy at MCJA – MEMS is	4. No action items necessary.

neither for nor against, a report is due to the Legislature by 4/1/02  
LD 1114: Regional EMS Funding Increase – No position from  
MEMS.

LD 1272: Roof Mounted Red Lights for Fire Constables – No  
position from MEMS.

LD 1432: AED Bill – Jay will be meeting with the bills sponsor.  
MEMS Budget: Part I budget not yet resolved. Part II budget  
(which would move Dwight & Debbie's positions to state funding)  
is supported by the Governor, but Legislature is typically against  
Part II requests.

The Awards Committee will be meeting next week to review the  
nominations and select those to recommend to the Board. A large number  
of nominations have been received this year.

The Operations Team has requested that the Education Committee define  
what each of the new CEH Categories are, to make it easier to assign  
programs to the correct categories.

The Operations Team has requested Dwight to contact Vermont and  
Connecticut to see what they are using for a First Responder to EMT-B  
Bridge program.

Seven candidates will be interviewed next week for the vacant Licensing  
Agent position.

5. Old Business

a. I/C Program

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- a. Staff will need to develop an I/C application form. The Committee  
approved the Maine EMS I/C Certification Process document, and  
the document will now be referred to the Operations Team for their  
consideration of implementation issues.

The Committee also recommends that the I/C certification period be  
for three years, and that it not be tied to the EMS licensure period,  
and that current I/C's be grandfathered on completion of a new  
application, as long as a new application is filed within two months  
of the implementation of these new standards.

b. Status of NSC on  
EMT-I & EMT-P

- b. No new information to report.

6. New Business

a. Define the new CEH

6. There was no new business.

- a. The Committee agreed on the following definitions to assist those

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- a. **Dwight** to send Maine EMS  
I/C Certification Process  
document to the Operations  
Team.

- b. No action items necessary.

6. No action items necessary.

- a. **Dwight** to supply this

## Categories

who review CEH programs and have to assign them to appropriate categories:

**Operations:** Topics from the Preparatory section and the EMS Operations sections of most textbooks. Includes topics such as Vehicle Operations, Documentation, EMS Systems, Roles & Responsibilities, Medical/Legal, Ethics, etc.

**Topics:** Lecture material

**Skills:** Hands on, practical, participation

**BLS:** Based on skills as defined by DOT

**ALS:** Based on skills as defined by DOT

**Electives (Including Enrichment Topics):** May be composed of overage in any other category, as well as enrichment classes.

**Enrichment:** Topics **not** meeting a DOT objective, but worthy of CEH credit.

information to the Operations Team.

### b. Standardized CEH Programs

b. Standardized CEH Programs: The question was raised as to why CEH's earned from Standardized programs prior to January 1, 2001, do not have any skills hours assigned when the same program taken after January 1 has skills hours. Dwight explained that when the Education Committee 1<sup>st</sup> began working on this topic the primary ground rule was to make sure that no one would lose hours or "be punished" as we made a change in our CEH system. Because all old CEH Categories (other than Category #1) transfer into new Topic Categories, and because the number of required hours in Topic Categories equals the number of hours previously required in the Categories that were combined together into the new Topic Categories, if we changed some of those hours to Skills Categories a license **could** end up short in Topic Category hours. By not assigning skills hours the licensee must take a skills lab or a total of 4 skills hours at the appropriate level. This is equivalent to the previous requirement to have a skills lab. What we end up with is a system that does not reward those who have an excess of Topics Category hours that they hope to transfer to Skills Category Hours, but we also do not punish those who would end up short in Topic Category hours if we reassigned some of those hours to Skills Categories.

b. No action items necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm.

**Next Meeting: April 11, 2001 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**